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venience.

## County Sketch

### The Politician.

The County seat town of Lynden County was in an uneasy state politically. The town was dry and had been for years, but the arrival of the railroad had brought with it an element that had not grown up under the laws made for the corporation a generation ago and consequently did not look upon them with the awe of the native who had been brought up in their nurture and a tradition.

This element had been milling around for some time, but no leader had as yet put in his appearance. John Benton had reached the age when all men ought to be, and most men have settled down. He was a man liked by children and dogs and trusted by the older people, and consequently a person whose influence was sought about election times. He was an untiring worker for his party but had never received any of the emoluments of office. Time and again had party leaders hinted at some especially fine political plums they intended to shake his way at some uncertain time in the future.

These plums, however, were invariably thrown as sops to some disgruntled politician to keep him in the party, while the willing worker went empty handed away. Benton had been sold out so often in this way that he thought he knew the game well enough to use it to his own account. At least he saw that by leading the Philistines he could get some free liquor and have a good time while the excitement lasted, and then it is a poor party that won't sacrifice the fattest calf upon the return of a prodigal especially if the prodigal shows a propensity to lead men.

There was a stir in the camps of Israel when it became noised abroad that the progressive element no longer fretted under the blue laws but had set about systematically to throw off the restraint by organizing a ticket whose head was that wild and wicked John Benton, as he was termed by the pious Mr. Billups, who went on to say he had never taken a drink in his life and consequently was filled to overflowing with love and good will to all mankind that he would be in favor of a saloon if those who were in the habit of taking a drink would forthwith proceed to drink themselves to death but he feared the contaminating influence of the whiskey traffic would raise up two other drunkards to take the place of every one that fell by the way side.

Benton, however, had his campaign well in hand, and took keen delight in the uproar he had caused in his party and community, only he felt a little nervous as to when was the best time to get back into the fold so as to reap the full measure of reward justly due him as a prodigal, and a stirrer up of strife in his party.

It seems to be as Mr. Billups discouragingly remarked that Benton and his pernicious cause were like other weeds, the more you fought them the more strength they seem to gain.

When it was seen that Benton could not be driven out of the field by abuse, a petition was circulated praying him to resign for the common good of humanity for the sake of generations yet unborn, for the upbuilding of Christianity and the cause of education.

And then to John Benton did the postmaster ship of Linden Court House loom up as it had never done before. When Mr. Billups heard that Benton had reconsidered the false position he had assumed, he piously said that he had always known that Benton had a good heart.

Benton has since broken into the legislature, gotten married, owns a good enough farm to make him eligible to membership in the County Court, of which he is the honorable president. He has been heard to remark that a man is a sheep if he does not learn to cut wool after being sheared a few times.

## A. E. Ewing.

Hon. A. E. Ewing and wife from the Grand Rapids, Michigan spent a few days at Buckeye, visiting ancestral scenes.

He passed a few hours at Infirmary College Saturday last. He is a descendant of Thomas McNeil and "Swago Bill", Ewing and like the true gentleman that he is he stood in reverential attitude by what remains of ancestral homes collected a few relics coming that long journey to reverse their memory by so doing.

In personal appearances, he is a composite of McNeil and Ewing and his features will suggest the face of Wm. J. Bryan, at once and the impression deepens on acquaintance. Mr. Ewing made a valuable contribution to the Pocahontas Sketches as all who have seen the book will remember. He is an enthusiast on ancestral history and is making out a good case, showing that Lincoln's mother and his own revered mother, have a common ancestry and closely related. It was his plan to visit his mother's ancestral home on Monday, 6 miles east of Union, Monroe county, the place now occupied by the family of the late Prof. John Hank.

## Flag on Two Cent Stamps.

For the first time since 1869, says the Boston Transcript, the postoffice department, with the issuance of the new series of stamps now in preparation, will make use of the American Flag in one of its designs. This will be a part of the two cent stamp, which, by the way, will bear little resemblance to the one now current. The familiar portrait of Washington will be succeeded by a photograph taken from Gilbert Stuart's famous painting. This bust of Washington so long known to the stamp using public, was drawn from Houdon's profile cast. Stamp experts think that this new two cent stamp, with its superb likeness of Washington, its draped flags, its wreaths of laurel leaves in the lower corner and the general balance of text and artistic effect, together with the remarkable excellence of the mechanical work, will make this the finest postage stamp ever produced.—Ex.

The West Virginia Sawmill Association was organized at Marlinton Thursday afternoon. A number of firms were represented and a goodly number of members enrolled. J. A. Whiting was elected president and K. H. Stoffer, secretary. At present the membership is restricted to lumbermen of the Greenbrier Valley but will be widened out to embrace the whole state. The next meeting will be held in the Marlinton Athletic Club room September 9th.

The returns of the second uniform examination show a much better average than the first examination average than although not so many applicants. The next and last examination will be held September 10th and 11th.

W. T. Walker, a section man at Droop mountain, was bitten by a copper-head last week. He was moving ties, under one of which a snake lay coiled. The snake struck and Walker was bitten on the finger. Medical aid was gotten in time to save his life. He is now doing well.

Mrs. Walter Arbogast near Monterey, Va. accompanied by niece Miss Lucy Smith of Eday was in the Times office a few days since and saw printing going on for the first time in her life. Mrs. Arbogast is a daughter of the late William Beverage of Stony Creek.

Peek-a-boo waists and open work stockings are now very much in vogue with the Kansas City 400. The Kansas flea drove the popular fad out of business.—Moundville Echo.

Born Aug. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Arbogast, a fine daughter.

## HENRY MILLER MOFFETT.

### A DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF POCAHONTAS.

#### A Life Sketch of Henry M. Moffett and His Family by W. T. Price.

This eminent citizen bore a prominent part in the early organized history of our county as for a time the assistant and then the successor of Josiah Beard as clerk of the county of Pocahontas.

His ancestry is traceable to John Moffett a pioneer of Augusta county, and the first recorded mention of this ancestor's name is to the effect that on June 24, 1733 he qualified as a Lieutenant of one of the first military companies raised in Augusta county.

John Moffett's wife was Mary Christian and he settled in the vicinity of the old Stone Church. Sometime previously to 1749, John Moffett left home for North Carolina and was never heard of afterwards. His friends rested in the opinion that he was slain by Indians, whereupon Mrs. Mary Moffett February 28, 1749 qualified to administer on the estate, giving bond for 500 pounds, with her brothers William and Robert Christian as securities.

Col. George Moffett eldest son of John Moffett and Mary Christian was born in 1735.

His wife was a sister of Col. Samuel McDowell of Timber Ridge.

Col. Moffett was prominent in the Indian wars and the Revolution. In civil affairs he was justice of the peace, an elder in the Presbyterian church and one of first trustees of Washington College, Lexington, Va. He died in 1811, aged 76 years and was buried in the Augusta church graveyard, near Ft. Defiance station. He is reported to have been a man of commanding personal presence, and of eminent piety.

James McDowell Moffett, father of the Pocahontas clerk, was Col. Geo. Moffett's second son, whose wife was Hanna Miller, daughter of Henry Miller the founder of Miller's Iron Works near Mossy Creek, Va., where most of the iron used by our pioneer blacksmiths was manufactured. Late in the twenties Mr. Moffett came to Pocahontas with his widowed mother and located on the farm near Huntersville at the opposite end of the Bridge. Here he resided some years while performing his official duties. Early in the thirties he married Mrs. Mary Nance Beale, relict of Robert Beale, Esq., who upon Mr. Beale's death had left Elk and lived on her farm near Hillsboro now owned by Frank Harper.

Mrs. Beale was the second daughter of Maj. William Poage once owner of all of Marlins Bottom, near Marlinton.

Mr. Moffett becoming weary of official life, sold his Huntersville property to the late Hugh McLaughlin, declined re-election to the clerkship, purchased the farm owned by Captain Edgar and settled in the Levels about 1838. James Tallman, his deputy became clerk and served as such very efficiently for several years. The office becoming vacant by Tallman's much lamented death, Mr. Moffett was reappointed clerk and returned to Huntersville about the year 1843 and occupied a residence at the corner of the lot now owned by G. W. Ginger.

This residence was burned while undergoing repairs, soon after it was vacated by Mr. Moffett's return to the Levels, at the expiration of his term of office.

His laudable aim now seemed to be the establishing of an ideal home for his family to whom he was so tenderly attached, where he could pass his last years in the peaceful quiet pursuits of a rural life, removed from the vexations and carolling uncertainties of official service.

Mrs. Moffett was injured by a frightened horse as she was returning from a visit to friends near Mill Point one afternoon. She was carrying her infant son in her arms while a little daughter riding behind her was attached to her mother by a sash to keep her from falling off. Mrs. Moffett was in the act of dismounting was injured by the sash, and fatal illness developed and she died unexpectedly, when the new house was nearing completion. Mr. Moffett passed away not long after occupying the new residence one of the most commodious of its kind near Hillsboro, and the property passed into the possession of the late Col. Paul McNeil. Mrs. Moffett the present lady of this mansion is a daughter of Col. McNeil.

Maggie Beall, Mr. Moffett's step-daughter became the wife of the late Dr. George B. Moffett, his youngest brother. Dr. Moffett's son, John, resided in Missouri and the other son James holds an important position in the service of the Standard Oil concern. His eldest daughter Hannah and first son James William died very young at the farm home near Huntersville. Sally Gatewood became the wife of Dr. Alexander McChesney for many years resident Physician Warm Springs, Va. and was a Confederate officer in command of one of the cavalry companies of the Bath squadron. Martha became Mrs. Hall of Barbour County and resides near Phillip, W. Va. Mary Evelyn was married to the late Col. William P. Thompson, of New York city. A few years since she died in France, in quest of health. Her remains were brought back to America. These young people casually met at the Curry Spring, near Huntersville, early in the war, and it seems to have been an instance of mutual esteem at first sight. The simple unadorned story of the long wooing that ensued and finally their hurried marriage, when the war was over, would make something readable and not easily duplicated even by ingenious fiction.

Rachel the youngest daughter became Mrs. Dr. Robert McChesney, a prominent physician, Lewisburg, W. Va. George Henry, the youngest born of this notable Pocahontas family is so well known to our readers, that we can tell them nothing new. He was a soldier in the Confederate war, and was a prisoner. Studied law, and for some years a prominent member of the Huntersville bar, returned to the West Va. House of Delegates and chosen speaker of that body. He became a distinguished journalist in Wheeling, Minneapolis and Portland, Oregon. At present he occupies an important position as attorney for a railroad system with his office at Parkersburg.

Henry M. Moffett, Esq. was a native of Augusta county, related to the Millers, Christians, McCues and other prominent families of Augusta, Rockingham and Rockbridge and was held in high esteem by his distinguished relatives. While James McDowell Governor of Virginia Mr. Moffett put a drove of his Pocahontas cattle into the Richmond market. The Governor incidentally learning the fact, looked him up, had him for a privileged guest at the executive mansion, over the Sabbath, took him to church in the morning, led him to his own family pew and sat by him through the services.

Mr. Moffett was crushed by his bereavement and did not survive his wife, but a very few years. He passed away very peacefully having made a good record in the service of his adopted county, that had honored him repeatedly with the best office in her power to confer. His grave is in the old Brick church yard and marked by a neat marble.

R. E. Beall, advertising manager of the American Literary Society, New York, canvassed Marlinton last week.

T. C. Ware the Apiarist of Arboreale was in Marlinton last Monday. He reports the honey crop, as excellent, a few days previously, he had taken 1100 pounds of his own at Valley Head, and 1500 pounds for James Gibbs on Elk and finds ready sale for all.

## Dunmore.

This is the finest growing weather since the war. Farmers are finishing up their hay crop which is good and are making dear their oats.

Mr. David Sheets will commence thrashing next week.

Mrs. Julia Lockridge and daughter of Virginia are out on a visit. Miss Emma McNeel spent a few days with friends in town.

Mr. F. L. McElwee of Elkins spent a few days with his brother B. F. McElwee.

Miss Love McLaughlin is quite sick at this time.

Mrs. Mattie Cooper is stopping at Dunmore Hotel.

Mr. P. S. Johnson made a flying trip to Ronceverte last week.

T. M. Gunn is trying to have a mail route established from Dunmore to Frost, if that is done then there will be a mail route from Frost to Green Hill, Highland Co. Va.

James Bird says he likes to play when clubs are trumps but likes to be out of the game when a full hand is played by the other fellow.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLaughlin have gone to Highland Co. to see the sick.

John A. Noel has the Bridge near town about completed, it will be the best wooden bridge in the county.

Rev. H. W. McLaughlin will preach his last sermon at Baxter church Sunday, before he leaves for Kentucky.

Rev. L. A. McClain has been called to this charge.

Maj. J. C. Price met up with an accident Saturday a pug dog jumped at his horse in the road and scared him, the horse jumped kicked and set the Maj. out of the buggy on the head fortunately being of a light weight he was not hurt and the horse kicked off the buggy and went on.

Dr. J. B. Lockridge spent Sunday with Mr. E. N. Moore.

Capt. C. B. Swecker the Silvers Tounge Auctioneer is attending the lot sale in Elkins this week and will go from there to Belington to sell goods, he will blow his horn on Knapps creek at the big Dever sale, Sept. 2nd.

Mrs. C. E. Pritchard spent last week at Travelers Repose.

H. M. Moore is attending the racing at Elkins this week.

Mrs. Geo. H. Moffett and daughter are visiting Mrs. A. H. Moore.

Undertaker Swecker furnished a burial outfit Friday last for Mr. Wm. C. Guins little 3 year old daughter who died at Travelers Repose Thursday night.

She was lovely, she was fair, And for a while was given An angel came and claimed his own And took her home to heaven.

## An English Joke?

We have received a recent copy of the London Evening News with the following paragraph under the head of a Model Lunatic, conspicuously marked.

"An extraordinary and anonymous tract is being circulated in the streets by sandwich men. It is as follows:—

A. D. 1903.  
The Pledge  
for  
Young Men.

I promise to do no murder, and so to enter neither the Army nor the Royal Navy.  
Signed.....

The sandwichmen carry a duplicate in bigger type of this leaflet on their shoulders. There is not even a printer's name to indicate the origin of the thing."

Service in our own standing Army is generally considered the most harmless occupation that can be indulged in, but evidently some subject of King believes the Royal Army to be dangerous especially to others.

Miss Mary Randolph Fleming, has accepted the position offered her as an assistant instructor in history, in the Professional Staff of Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va. of which she is a recent, distinguished graduate.

## The Coffee Drinker.

Very few, if any of our readers have not read Wm. Wirt's beautiful and thrilling description of the Blind Preacher, whom he heard preach in the county of Orange, not far from Gordonsville, Va.

He was the Rev. Dr. James Waddell and had preached a number of year previously at Tinkling Spring, east of Staunton, Va.

Frequent references are found in Waddell's Annals of Augusta County, illustrating the life and character of that interesting minister. While he was living in Augusta county, having come there in 1776 from Lancaster county, he was objected to by some persons for using coffee.

Very little coffee was used by the Valley Virginians. The preacher had become accustomed to its use, while he lived in lower Virginia and when he came over the Blue Ridge he continued to use it. At that day there were good people, like there are now, who are more concerned about others people's faults than for their own, felt much scandalized at their preacher indulging in such a luxury as a cup of coffee for breakfast.

Their consciences were so much exercised that they must call the preacher to an account and to make out the case strong as possible, charged him for flagrant Sabbath breaking.

The specification was the offence of having hot coffee on Sunday morning as well as other days!

The preacher did not seem to be very uneasy about the trouble he had gotten into with his zealous good people. For when the time came to reply to their solemn charges, he seemed not the least frightened, calmly and pleasantly inquired of them upon cross-examination, "what do you have for breakfast," they replied "mush and milk," again he inquired, "but is the mush hot or cold?" "hot of course," was the answer given, "Well," rejoined the preacher "you have cold mush on Sunday and I will have cold coffee." And so far as we are advised, the solemn incident between pastor and the aggrieved ones closed there, as nothing more has been heard of the trouble being renewed.

W. T. P.

## Drowned In New River.

Sabbath afternoon Aug. 16 a party of eight persons were boat riding on the New River, near Lurich Giles Co. Va. One of the party was a boy and while he was sportively rocking the boat, a rock was struck and overturned the boat throwing the party into the water.

A scene ensued too pitiful for words to describe. The young girls struggling in the deep rocky waters in sight of homes and friends and the futile efforts of the onlookers to rescue them present a sight such as may never be witnessed again one devoutly hopes.

Three were saved, Miss Cooper, Hattie Holliday and the boy Johnnie Robinson.

Five girls were drowned whose ages ranged from seven to fifteen years. Beila Steves 7; Eva Steves 11; Belle Robinson 11; Ella Robinson 15 and Una Holliday 13.

Up to the latest advice all the bodies had not been recovered, which adds still more to the bitterness of the calamity.

Rev. H. W. McLaughlin pastor of Stuart Memorial Robinson church Louisville, Ky. is visiting his family at Green Bank.

The celebrated "Cabbage Patch," is near his church and relatives of the authoress are workers in his Sunday school, while he attends preaching services occasionally. Mrs. Wiggs and her cabbage patch is one of the most popular literary hits of the day.

Wm. R. Moore of Stony Bottom merchant and saw mill operator attended the lumber convention Thursday, and reports matters as moving on nicely, religiously socially and financially, at Driftwood.

## Order of Publication.

State of West Virginia,  
Pocahontas County, ss:  
At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the county of Pocahontas on the first Monday in the month of August, 1903.

J. W. McClure, Plaintiff  
vs.  
Dora Malcomb, R. L. Malcomb, M. R. Malcomb and John Waugh, Defendants

The object of this suit is to have J. W. McClure, the plaintiff, substituted to the rights of the Bank of Marlinton in a certain judgment for \$202.15, obtained by said Bank of Marlinton against Dora Malcomb, M. R. Malcomb and John Waugh, the defendants.

The object of this suit is to have J. W. McClure, the plaintiff, substituted to the rights of the Bank of Marlinton in a certain judgment for \$202.15, obtained by said Bank of Marlinton against Dora Malcomb, M. R. Malcomb and John Waugh, the defendants.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and on his motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed, that the defendants Dora Malcomb and R. L. Malcomb, are non-residents of this State, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

TESTE:  
J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.

## Order of Publication.

State of West Virginia,  
Pocahontas County, ss:

At rules held in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, on the first Monday in the month of August, 1903

W. H. Zirkle, Plaintiff  
vs.  
The National Cooperation Company and Commercial Trust Co. of New Jersey, Defendants

The object of this suit is to attach and subject sufficient of the estate of the defendant, The National Cooperation Company to pay off and discharge the debt of the plaintiff of \$42.00 and the costs of this suit.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney, and on his motion and it appearing by appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant corporations are non-residents of this State, it is ordered that they do appear within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary, to protect their interest in this suit.

TESTE:—  
J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.  
L. M. McClintic, Sol.

## Notice.

Notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the stockholders of the Po. Oil Co., a corporation in the principal office of said corporation in Bank of Marlinton Building on the 17th of August 1903, a majority of the capital stock being represented the following resolution was passed:

Resolved that the Corporation known as The Po. Oil Co., consisting of 508 shares of the par value of \$10 per share go into voluntary dissolution and that the sum remaining in the Treasury of said Corporation all expenses and debts having been paid, be returned to the stockholders pro rata.

E. M. Arbogast, President.  
George R. Richardson, Secretary.

## Notice to Trespasser.

Notice is hereby given that no trespassing will be permitted on my land, by hunting gathering berries or in any other manner. Save trouble by taking heed to this notice.

Respectfully,  
GEORGE S. McNEEL,  
Stamping Creek, W. Va.

WANTED:—Party to log about 700,000 feet of timber mostly oak. Good timber, nice place to work. —Theo Clute  
Falling Springs, W. Va.